

CHINA – LATIN AMERICA

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SANTIAGO DE CHILE

**SECOND HIGH-LEVEL
CHINA–LATIN AMERICA
INVESTMENT
& COOPERATION FORUM**

07:30-08:30 **REGISTRATION**

08:30-09:00 **OPENING REMARKS**

Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations (UN ECLAC)

Luis Carranza, Executive President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

Yu Weiping, Vice Minister of Finance, People's Republic of China

09:00-10:15 **SESSION 1.
CHINA AND LATIN AMERICA IN A CHANGING WORLD**

Global trade is facing increasingly complex challenges resulting from moderate growth, rapid technological transformation, and geopolitical tensions. In this context, Latin America and the Caribbean is tasked with accelerating and diversifying its economic and commercial relationship with Asia, particularly with China. Trade, investment, financing, and government-to-government cooperation between the People's Republic of China and Latin America and the Caribbean will be essential to strengthen and develop key sectors, increase competitiveness, and achieve sustainable development. This panel will explore trends, common challenges, and opportunities for a renewed China-Latin America and Caribbean relationship.

Moderator: **Giovanni Stumpo**, Chief of the Investment and Business Strategies Unit, UN ECLAC

[Outlook on China - Latin America and the Caribbean Trade and Investment](#)

Keiji Inoue, Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Deputy Chief, International Trade & Integration Division, UN ECLAC

[Outlook on the Cooperation between China and Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Liu Yuqin, Ambassador, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on Latin American Affairs

[How to Release China's Importing Potential](#)

Ning Yong, Vice President, The Export and Import Bank of China

[China's International Development Cooperation](#)

Tian Lin, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, China International Development Cooperation Agency

[Investment Cooperation between China and Latin America and Caribbean](#)

Wu Hongliang, Deputy Director General, Department of Foreign Capital and Overseas Investment, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China

[Trade Integration as a Pathway to Development](#)

Martín Rama, Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank Group

10:15-10:30 Q&A

10:30-10:45 **TEA BREAK**

10:45-12:00

SESSION 2: BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA

Latin America requires increased investment levels in order to boost productivity and attain higher rates of growth. Several governments are undertaking ambitious reforms to create business opportunities and attract foreign investment. In this regard, China is viewed as an important partner for the region, particularly in light of its “going out” policy encouraging its enterprises to invest overseas. This panel intends to allow government and development institution representatives to discuss the challenges in generating greater investment opportunities in Latin America to facilitate business with China.

*Moderator: **Jorge Arbache**, Private Sector Vice-President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America*

[Business and Investment Opportunities in Mexico](#)

Sergio Silva Castañeda, Chief of the Competition and Public Policy Unit for Market Efficiency, Office for Economic Affairs Secretariat of Economy, Mexico

[Trade and Investment Opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Liu Minqiang, Deputy Director General, Department of Outward Investment and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce, China

[Business and Investment Opportunities in Chile](#)

Cristián Rodríguez, Executive Director, InvestChile

[Investment Opportunities and Challenges in Panama](#)

Leroy Sheffer, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Panama and Advisor to the Strategic Secretariat for Development and Competitiveness of the Presidency, Panamá

[Business and Investment Opportunities in Ecuador](#)

Patricia Armijos, Undersecretary of Investments, Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments and Fisheries

[Venezuela: Crisis or Opportunity?](#)

Alberto Vollmer, President of the Board of Directors, CONAPRI - National Investment Promotion Counsel

12:00-12:15 Q&A

12:15-13:45 **LUNCH (BY INVITATION ONLY)**

13:45-15:25

SESSION 3: LEVERAGING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The People's Republic of China is home to top global Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) firms and a global leader in infrastructure. Latin America and the Caribbean, for its part, suffers from infrastructure gaps which can hinder development and integration. As an increasing number of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean join China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)— President Xi Jinping's signature foreign policy to improve connectivity among countries through infrastructure, trade, investment, and technological cooperation — the region offers compelling opportunities for Chinese firms and investors. This panel explores best practices to modernize physical and digital connectivity between the People's Republic of China and Latin America and the Caribbean.

*Moderator: **Ricardo J. Sánchez**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations (UN ECLAC)*

[Overview of Infrastructure Needs & Potential in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Antonio Pinheiro, Vice-President of Infrastructure, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America F

[Infrastructure and Sustainable Development](#)

Jin Tao, Director General, Global Finance, Americas & Africa Department, China Development Bank

[Infrastructure Financing for Development in Colombia](#)

Carlo Bongianini, Vice President of Financing and Investment, FDN – Financiera de Desarrollo Nacional, Colombia

[Comparative Advantages of China's High-speed Rail](#)

Martha Lawrence, Railway Solutions Lead in the Global Practice, World Bank Group

[Leveraging Infrastructure Financing for Connectivity and Growth](#)

Shamas-Ur-Rehman Toor, Senior Policy & Strategy Officer, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

15:25-15:45 Q&A

15:45-16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:00-17:45 **SESSION 4.
COOPERATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, RENEWABLE ENERGIES, AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

As the challenges associated with climate change become increasingly complex and multidimensional, the People's Republic of China and Latin America are seeking new areas for cooperation in clean energy and sustainable agriculture through innovative partnerships. The People's Republic of China has been a global leader in combatting climate change while Latin America and the Caribbean has great potential for the generation of renewable energy and is seeking to improve the environmental sustainability of its agroindustry sector. Cooperation in environmental, industrial, and technology policies can contribute to sustainable development as well as productive and export diversification. This panel will facilitate a dialogue centered on key policy issues relating to environmental sustainability, renewable energy, and sustainable agricultural practices in Latin America and the Caribbean and the People's Republic of China.

*Moderator: **Julián Suárez**, Sustainable Development Vice-President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America*

[Opportunities for Chinese investment in Uruguay](#)

Enzo Benech, Minister of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries

[Prospects and Challenges of Renewable Energy in Emerging Markets and Developing Countries](#)

Zhu Xian, Vice-President and COO, The New Development Bank

[Sustainable Agricultural Development and Prospects for China – Latin America Agricultural Investment Cooperation](#)

Yang Yi, Director General, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China

[Green Public Transport](#)

Eduardo Paes, President of Latin America, BYD Motors

[The Practice in China and the Prospect in Latin America and the Caribbean of Digital Technology for Sustainable Development](#)

Tan Chongjun, Deputy Dean, AliResearch, Alibaba

17:45-18:00 Q&A

18:00-18:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary,, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations

Victor Rico, Secretary General, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

Zhou Qiangwu, Deputy Director General, Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, China

19:00-20:00 **CLOSING COCKTAIL**